

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Of the
City of Northfield Council
February 24, 2025**

The regular meeting of the City of Northfield Council was held on Monday February 24, 2025 via Zoom.

Council members attending: Barbara Durbin, Patricia Martin, Tracy Walker, Steve Levy, and Gay Harmon

Council members absent: Larry Schaefer

City officials present: Mayor Randolph Chappell, Police Chief Tom David, Treasurer Charles Veeneman, City Engineer Adrian Oliver and City Clerk Lucy Martin

City officials absent: None

Guests: Jody Nalley 2306 Glenview Avenue

Jody requested help with the vacant neglected property adjacent to him (2308). He has had code enforcement on site twice, with no results. Randy will ask the city attorney for assistance with this issue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Randolph Chappell.

MINUTES: Minutes for the January 2025 meeting were approved.

CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer distributed financial reports prior to the meeting for activity in January 2025. They included:

- General Fund Income Statement & Balance Sheet
- Northfield Schedule of Investments
- Road Fund Income Statement & Balance Sheet

CITY CLERK

- Taxes collected as of today: 382 bills \$336,364.41
Outstanding: 11 bills, \$34,168.16 (5 Commercial, 6 Residential)
Total plan: 393 bills, \$370,532.57
- NF website has been updated with the new council information.

POLICE REPORT

February

- 8 Calls from Northfield Neighbors
- 5 Calls transferred over from LMPD
- 6 House Watch Checks
- 4 Non-injury accidents 1 was DUI involved
- 4 Traffic stops
- 1 Stolen vehicle was recovered at Holiday Manor, reported stolen to LMPD
- 2 CIT person were assisted and relocated to a shelter
Note: LMPD has a new program “Deflection”, to address CIT situations.
- 1 Missing child was located and returned home safely along with her pet

- Norton has provided office space for our NFPD (in the old Fenley building) at no cost. The city will need to provide WIFI. Thanks to Trish Martin for this suggestion.
- The Chief communicated that NFPD is available to respond to suspicious emails.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

- No new construction requests.
- A pot hole on Glenview needs to be addressed.
- LG&E light poles need paint. This is an LG&E responsibility. Adrian will follow-up.
- Lime Ridge sidewalk repair. In progress, utility work must be completed first.
- City street and stop signs to be painted and straightened. In progress, weather permitting (May).
- Striping in progress, a vendor has been contacted. Also weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fox Creek Ct. retaining wall damaged by snow plow, Lawnco will need to address.
- In progress: NF Main Entrance signage update (Tracy). This will be revisited when highway construction is completed.
- In Progress: Fence down along US42. City attorney has confirmed that Northfield may replace the fence.
 - Tracy has the completed survey of the affected area to determine property line.
 - Tracy will get some cost estimates (\$75K placeholder until firm estimate received). Quotes in progress.
 - A permit will be required to proceed further.
 - Fence design to be determined after a decision is made to replace/repair parts of the fence, or to rebuild the entire fence.
 - There is an effort to include the affected residents in the process.

- Still in planning: Northfield citywide leaf pickup, (\$20K placeholder until firm estimate received). Joe's lawn care proposed \$120 per house, per event (minimum 12 homes). Tracy will get proposed dates (prefer Mondays). Communication will be distributed then date(s) are confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Trash/Recycling bidding will begin in April. Trish volunteered to assist.
The two options to bid:
 - Option 1: Retain current services
 - Option 2: Curbside only
- Tracy reported that he has received multiple complaints about an aggressive dog that resides at 2402 Baylor Drive.
 - The Chief has spoken to the resident twice about the dog. Randy will ask the city attorney to write a letter to the residents.
 - Should the Nuisance ordinance include language on problem pet situations? Needs further discussion.
- Northfield "Hall of Fame": Randy would like to appropriate funds in the next budget planning cycle (May). Planning needs to happen before, and Barbara and Gay will lead this effort. To be determined:
 - Who to include and what are the qualifiers
 - Location
 - Alternatives and cost estimates

PARKING LOT

- Speed Hump Policy: Second Reading on hold pending Traffic Engineer input, and final report. Randy has contacted two engineers. There would also need to be an ordinance. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Northfield City Council will be held on Monday, March 24, 2025.

Lucy Martin, City Clerk

Randolph L. Chappell, Mayor City of Northfield